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10 INVENTION: "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MINIMIZING UNWANTED  
TRANSFER OF TONER IN A TRANSFER PRINTING  
STATION OF AN ELECTROGRAPHIC PRINTING  
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References AB, AL, AN, AQ, and AR are cited for the reasons noted in the German Patent Office Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

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